

Summary

NPS Winter Use Roving Team Meeting with Teton County, Wyoming

Date: February 27, 2006

Location: County Commission Chamber, Jackson, WY

Present: Gary Pollock, Denice Swanke, Jim Bellamy, Larry Jorgenson, Andy Schwartz, Jim Darwiche, Mike Gireau, Tim Young (NPCA-in audience), Jan Livingston, 1 unnamed administrative support staff for the county

1) Purpose agency/group or NPS gave for wanting a visit at this time:

- share information about modeling scenarios
- answer questions about the planning process and review project history as needed
- discuss cooperating agency needs, including finalization of the MOU
- opportunity for dialogue

2) Results of this meeting and/or next steps:

NPS will return to Jackson for a previously scheduled Open House on March 16. Commissioners will review and consider signing the MOU and return to NPS.

3) Points raised:

- Commission is unclear about what role to take: providing input and data or more involvement in the decision making process. Perception that there might not be a need for the MOU.
- Perhaps industry is not developing snowmobiles with higher standards because the users are diverting to areas other than YELL/GRTE.
- It is important to a large constituency that the YELL plan should not dictate use in GRTE.
- There will be a review period of the DEIS.
- There will be a formal comment period for the DEIS.

4) Questions asked:

- How is the NPS going to analyze the environmental impacts of OSV use that has been displaced onto surrounding lands?
- Is there a demand for BAT other than in YELL/GRTE?
- What is the NPS position in separating modeling, analysis and planning for YELL and GRTE? Where will that be addressed and how will the decisions be made? When will public input be accepted?
- Has NPS estimated a cost for the plowing discussed in Scenario I?
- Have other counties signed the MOU?

5) Parting Comments

This was a good opportunity to share information.